

#### Financial Overview

### FISCAL YEAR 2024

January 26, 2023



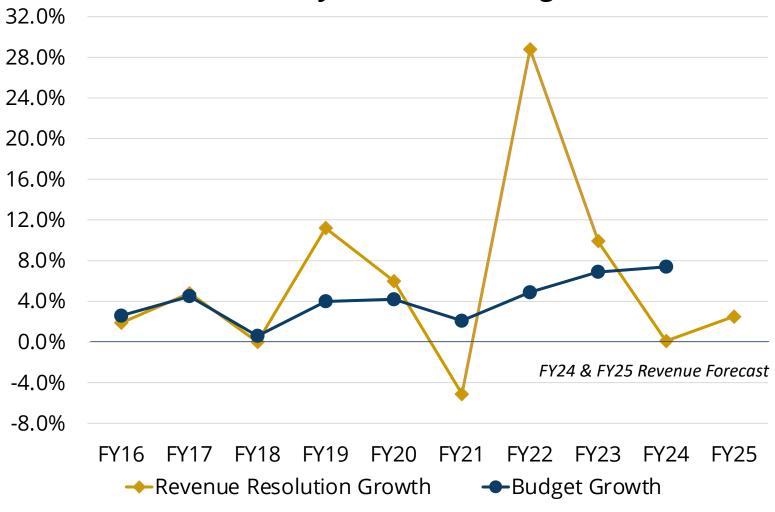
# Over the past six years, we have charted a responsible course.

Responsibly managing our state budget remains a priority.

# Revenue Volatility vs. Benchmark Spending Stability

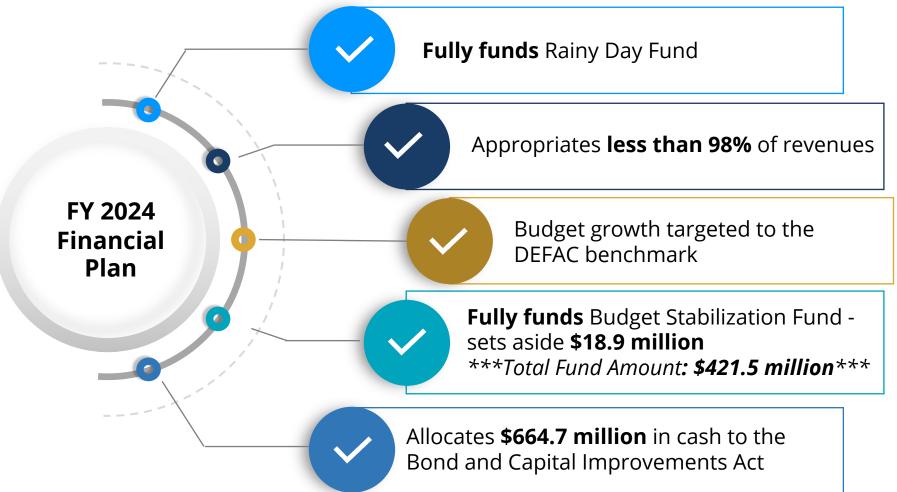






## Long-term Financial Sustainability







## Providing Middle Class Tax Relief for Working Delawareans



- Increase the Standard Deduction by 75% to **\$5,700** (**\$11,400 joint**) effective Tax Year 2024.
- Increase the refundable **Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)** to **7.5%** of the federal credit, effective Tax Year 2023.

FY 2024: \$24.9M FY 2025: \$55.7M

#### Tax Simplification:

- Almost 50,000 tax filers switch to standard deduction.
- Nearly **20,000 tax filers** have net liability reduced to \$0 or receive EITC refunds.
- More than **80% of residents** benefitting have DE Adjusted Gross Income below \$75,000.



## Governor Carney's Recommended FY 2024 Financial Plan



#### **General Fund Operating Budget**

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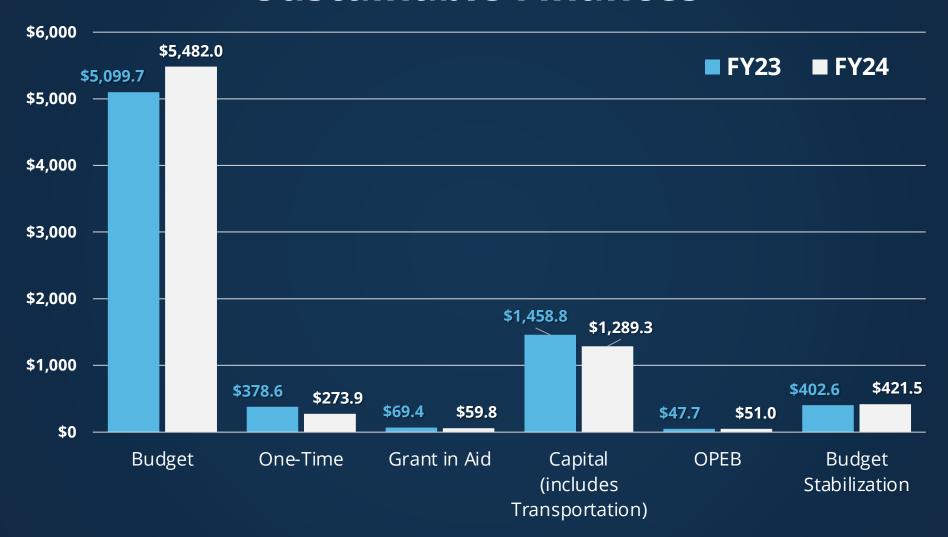
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## Year in Review: Sustainable Finances



\*\*\*Budget Stabilization Fund is Fully Funded\*\*\*

#### OUR BUDGET CONTINUES INVESTMENTS IN KEY AREAS



Strengthening our economy



Investing in public schools



Supporting families & workforce



Protecting our environment



## Highlights of Governor Carney's FY 2024 Financial Plan



- ✓ Takes continued steps towards providing compensation and pay equity for state employees, including increases for our classroom teachers
- ✓ Increases Opportunity Funding investments in our schools for low-income students and English learners
- ✓ Invests in the creation of affordable housing programs and incentives
- ✓ Supports **economic development and infrastructure** throughout the State
- ✓ Continues investments in clean water and other environmental initiatives

## Investing in Public Education



**9% raise** for teachers

**3% raise**for public education workers

Increase of \$15 million to Opportunity
Funding

\$53 million

Wilmington Learning Collaborative

\$10 million

# Investing in Early Childhood Education



Increase Purchase of Care Rates
\$10 million

**Expanding eligibility** for
Purchase of Care

Double funding for Early Childhood Assistance Program (ECAP)

\$12 million

Lowering preschool special education student-teacher ratios (House Bill 33)

#### Protecting Delaware's Environment



#### ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES

### \$53.7 million

Aglands Preservation \$10 million

Shoreline and Waterway Resiliency

\$7.5 million

Open Space \$10 million

Clean Water\*

\$26.2 million

# Preparing for the Economy of the Future



**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** 

### \$50 million

Strategic Fund

\$25 million

Site Readiness
\$10 million

Graduation Lab Space **\$10 million** 

Transportation Infrastructure Investment Fund

\$5 million

# Investing in our State Workforce



#### **\$147.9 million** for State Wages

- Additional year of historic pay policy: 3% to 9% increase with lowest wage workers receiving the highest percentage
- **Historic wage increase for teachers**: Total 9% aligned with ongoing work of Public Education Compensation Committee
- Support of recruitment and retention initiatives
- Establishes \$15 minimum wage for merit full-time state employees
- Funding negotiated wages and step increases

# Investing in our State Workforce



**\$194.2 million** for State Employee Healthcare and Other Post-Retirement Employment Benefits

 Invests \$143.2 million for Group Health Insurance Plan shortfall

 Invests \$51 million of one-time extraordinary revenues to Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) liabilities in accordance with Executive Order Number 52



# **Education:**Early Childhood Development



- Purchase of Care rate increase in early childhood education to 100% of the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of the 2021 Market Rate - \$10.3 million
- An \$8 million award for the federal Preschool Development Grant
- Increase of \$6.1 million for a total of \$12.2 million in Early Childhood Assistance Program (ECAP) to expand early care and education for 3- and 4-year-old children
- **\$3.9 million** to implement modified basic special education student-teacher unit ratios for preschool students (HB 33)

#### Education: Supporting Higher Education



#### **Investing in Higher Education**

- \$60 million Deferred maintenance, capital improvements and technology upgrades at UD, DSU, and DTCC
- \$1.5 million Supporting the Joint Engineering Program between DSU and UD to promote engineers within the State
- **\$932,000** Year 3 of the **DTCC Compensation Stabilization Plan** to reduce faculty and staff turnover
- Increases for Scholarships:
  - \$1.4 million Increase for First State PROMISE Scholarship at UD
    - Total Scholarship Amount: \$16,542,800
  - \$4.0 million Increase for SEED+ for DTCC and UD
    - Total Amount: \$14,165,700
  - \$1.7 million Increase to INSPIRE for DSU
    - Total Amount: \$8,584,800



# Education: Supporting K-12



- Continued Opportunity Funding investment for lowincome and English learner students of \$15 million – Total investment: \$53 million
- **\$30 million** for mental health services for elementary and middle school students (HB 100, HB 300)
- \$2 million to support the recommendations of the FSCC including funding for the Governor's Summer Fellowship Program and a Statewide Mentoring Coordinator position
- An increase of \$3 million to the Wilmington Learning Collaborative to improve education in the city

#### A Healthy State: Environment & Agriculture



- **\$5.1 million Cover Crop Investment** to support climate smart initiatives and improve water quality
- \$619,500 Tree for Every Delawarean (TEDI) Program
  which has the goal of reaching 1 million trees planted with a
  coordinated statewide approach
- \$600,000 Ensuring the maintenance of water quality and reducing contaminants (e.g. PFAS) through the Statewide Groundwater Monitoring Network
- \$2.9 million Supports Lead Assessment and Remediation
- Funding to protect our waterways and keep them clean:
  - \$18 million Clean Water State Revolving Fund
  - \$1.7 million Conservation Cost Share



## Safe & Affordable Housing



#### **\$31.5 Million** for Housing Initiatives

- Catalyst Fund Provides construction loans for the redevelopment of vacant/blighted properties
- Accelerator Fund Creates an incentive to market rate developers with planned construction projects in exchange for affordable rental unit set asides
- Market Pressure Relief Fund Supports owners of affordable multifamily rental properties dealing with construction cost increases due to supply chain and inflation
- **Preservation Fund** Supports existing affordable housing units through repairs, rehabilitation, and financial restructuring

+ **\$60 million** in ARPA funding

Total Housing Investment: **\$101.5 million\*** 



## Safe & Affordable Housing



#### **Supporting Housing Policy**

- Supports the Landlord Mitigation Fund for participating landlords for certain claims for reimbursement
- Funding to support a tenant's right to representation in eviction proceedings
- Supports allowing a tenant to bring an action of rent escrow when dangerous conditions and defects exist

## Highlights: Governor Carney's FY 2024 Capital Budget





#### Improving Schools for Delaware Students

**\$191.7 million** - School Construction and Renovation (Includes a new

Leach School, Bush School and market pressure)

**\$60.0 million** - Higher Education Campus Improvements

**\$15.0 million** - School Building Deferred Maintenance (MCI)

**\$10.1 million** – School Safety (*\$1M from Operating Budget*)





\$10.0 million - Site Readiness Fund

\$10.0 million - Graduation Lab Space

\$10.3 million - Research Collaborations

\$5.0 million - Transportation Infrastructure Investment Fund

\$20.0 million - Suburban Roads/Subdivision Street Pavement

**\$6.5 million** - Riverfront Development Corporation



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#### **Building Strong Communities**

**\$11.6 million** - Preserving Historical and Recreational Sites

\$16.6 million - Libraries

**\$6.0 million** - Affordable Housing

**\$5.5 million** - Downtown Development Districts

**\$4.0 million** - Strong Neighborhoods

### Protecting Natural Resources for Future Generations



\$26.2 million - Clean Water & Drinking Water Trust Fund

**\$10.0 million** - Farmland Preservation (RTT)

\$10.0 million - Open Space (RTT)

**\$7.5 million** - Shorelines and Waterways

**\$5.1 million** - Cover Crop Program

\$1.7 million - Conservation Cost Share

**\$500,000** - Delaware Bayshore



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#### Safe and Stable Communities

**\$34.3 million** - Kent/Sussex Family Court Facilities

**\$21.0 million** - New DSP Troop 4

\$21.0 million - Customs House

**\$16.3 million** - Statewide DOC Facility Generator Replacements

**\$12.3 million** - Baylor Women's Correctional Infirmary Expansion

**\$5.1 million** - Howard R. Young Correctional Center Renovations

**\$4.5 million** - New James T. Vaughn Intake Facility

**\$1.5 million** - Leonard L. Williams Justice Center Improvements



#### Building a Strong Foundation for Our State

**\$50.6 million** - State agency minor capital improvements and deferred maintenance

\$33.0 million - Delaware Hospital for the Chronically III

\$30.0 million - Carvel State Office Building upgrades

**\$7.0 million** - Cleveland White Building renovations



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States continue to receive historic federal investments to rebuild our economies.

We are putting those funds to work for Delawareans.

#### AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

#### INVESTING in DELAWARE

### \$342 million

Technology, Broadband, and State Capital Projects

### \$105 million

Housing
Development &
Emergency Housing

### \$133 million

DE Hospitals and Health Care

### \$72\* million

Capital Projects
Fund
(Nonprofits)

\*Awaiting U.S. Treasury approval

### \$105 million

Higher Education
(University of Delaware,
Delaware State University,
Delaware Tech)

### \$50 million

COVID-19 Response and Mitigation

### \$50 million

Workforce Development & Pathways 2.0

### \$40 million

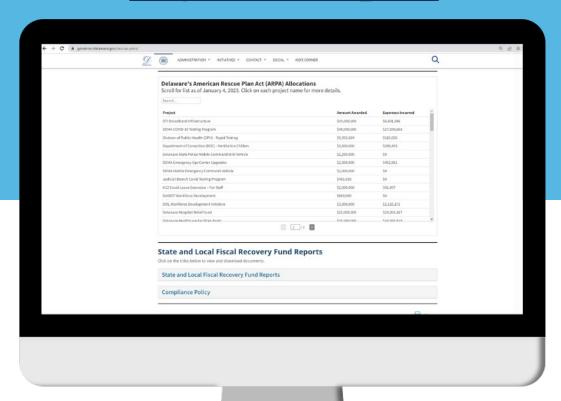
Delaware Libraries

For More Information: <u>de.gov/rescueplan</u>



### For More Information: **AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT**

### Allocations and spending by project reported at <u>de.gov/rescueplan</u>



#### Bipartisan Infrastructure Law -

# INVESTING in DELAWARE'S INFRASTRUCTURE

As of October 25, 2022 - Includes announced funding affecting Delaware to federal agencies and other organizations, not just Delaware state government

\$509 million

Roads and Bridges

\$63 million

Drinking Water and Wastewater

\$57 million

Climate Resilience, Clean Energy & Electric Vehicle Infrastructure

\$52 million

Ports and Waterways

\$42 million

**Public Transit** 

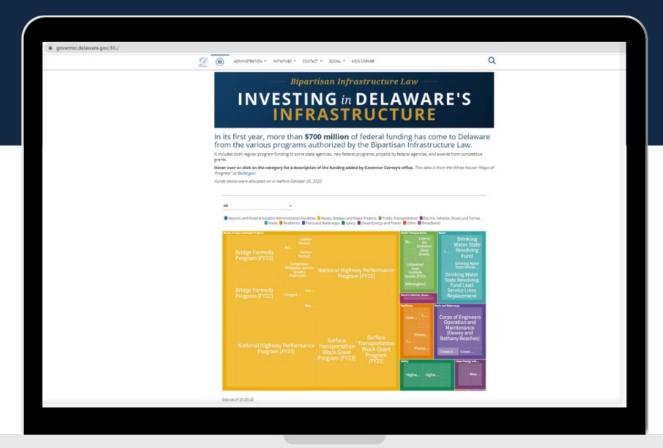
\$31 million

**Highway Safety** 

#### For More Information:

#### **BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW**

First year of federal allocations and awards by BIL program reported at <u>de.gov/BIL</u>



## FY 2024 BUDGET PROCESS



#### July -December

**Governor Carney and cabinet members** developed the FY 2024 budget draft.

**Delaware Economic and Financial Advisory Council (DEFAC)** met in October and December to **project revenue. DEFAC** will update their projections in March, May and June.

#### **January**

**January 26:** Governor Carney proposes FY 2024 recommended budget.

#### February -March

Joint Finance Committee (JFC) and Bond Bill Committee Hearings: Committee members consider Governor Carney's recommended operating budget and hold hearings to discuss budget items with agencies and advocates.

#### April - May

**Mark-up:** JFC reviews budget proposals.

#### June 30

The **General Assembly passes** the budget and bond bills, and the **Governor signs** the bills by June 30.

The new fiscal year begins July 1.





- End of Presentation -